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GRATIOLA EBRACTEATA
BRACKETLESS HEDGE-HYSSOP

Bracketless Hedge-hyssop is a glabrous annual with an erect, simple or branched stem that is 5-15 cm high. The opposite, long-pointed, lance-shaped leaves are 1-4 cm long, have entire margins, and lack petioles. Long-stalked flowers arise from the leaf axils. The calyx has 5 long-pointed, lance-shaped sepals that are often over 1 cm long. The white to yellow corolla is 5-7 mm long, has a short upper lip, and a 3-lobed lower lip. The seed capsule is globose and 4-5 mm high. Flowering late June-August.

The calyx of *GRATIOLA NEGLECTA* is subtended by 2 bracts and thus appears to have 7 lobes rather than 5; these lobes are rarely greater than 7 mm long.